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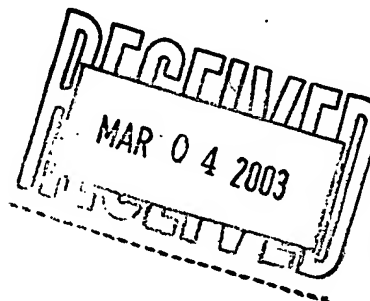
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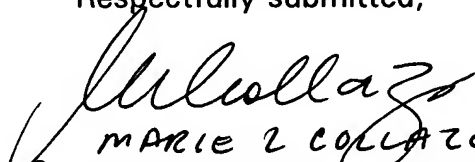
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A Certified copy of the aforesaid Japanese Patent Application was received by the International Bureau on September 10, 2001 during the pendency of International Application No. PCT/JP01/06298.

Applicant herewith affirms the priority claim of the aforesaid Japanese patent application under U.S.C. §119.

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